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## AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SOCIAL SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 17a-485e of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
- 3 (a) For purposes of this section "state assistance" means a payment
- 4 by the state of actual debt service, comprised of principal, interest,
- 5 interest rate swap payments, liquidity fees, letter of credit fees, trustee
- 6 fees, and other similar bond-related expenses.
- 7 (b) The State Bond Commission may authorize the State Treasurer
- 8 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to enter into
- 9 a contract or contracts to provide state assistance on bonds issued by
- 10 the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority as provided in this
- 11 section. If so authorized by the State Bond Commission, the state,
- 12 acting by and through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
- 13 Management and State Treasurer, shall enter into a contract or
- 14 contracts with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority that
- provide the state shall pay to said authority state assistance on bonds
- 16 issued by said authority for purposes of providing funds for mortgage
- 17 loans made by said authority pursuant to the provisions of section 17a-
- 18 485c, funds for reasonable repair and replacement reserves and costs of
- 19 issuance in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed [one hundred

20 five] seventy million dollars. Any provision of such a contract entered 21 into providing for payments equal to annual debt service shall 22 constitute a full faith and credit obligation of the state and as part of 23 the contract of the state with the holders of any bonds or refunding 24 bonds, as applicable, appropriation of all amounts necessary to meet 25 punctually the terms of such contract is hereby made and the State 26 Treasurer shall pay such amounts as the same become due. The 27 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority may pledge such state 28 assistance as security for the payment of such bonds or refunding 29 bonds issued by said authority. Any bonds so issued for the 30 Supportive Housing Initiative by the Connecticut Housing Finance 31 Authority and at any time outstanding may at any time or from time to 32 time be refunded, in whole or in part, by the Connecticut Housing 33 Finance Authority by the issuance of its refunding bonds in such 34 amounts as the authority may deem necessary or appropriate but not 35 exceeding an amount sufficient to refund the principal amount of the 36 bonds to be so refunded, any unpaid interest thereon, and any 37 premiums, commissions and costs of issuance necessary to be paid in 38 connection therewith. The state, acting by and through the Office of 39 Policy and Management and the State Treasurer and without further 40 authorization, may execute an amendment to any contract providing 41 state assistance as required in connection with such refunding bonds.

- (c) Notwithstanding any contract entered into by the state with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for state assistance the bonds or refunding bonds to which such state assistance applies shall not constitute bonds or notes issued or guaranteed by the state within the meaning of section 3-21.
- Sec. 2. Subdivision (4) of subsection (f) of section 17b-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
  - (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, (A) no facility shall receive a rate that is less than the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1991; (B) no facility whose rate, if determined pursuant

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53 to this subsection, would exceed one hundred twenty per cent of the 54 state-wide median rate, as determined pursuant to this subsection, 55 shall receive a rate which is five and one-half per cent more than the 56 rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1991; and (C) no 57 facility whose rate, if determined pursuant to this subsection, would be 58 less than one hundred twenty per cent of the state-wide median rate, 59 as determined pursuant to this subsection, shall receive a rate which is 60 six and one-half per cent more than the rate it received for the rate year 61 ending June 30, 1991. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, no 62 facility shall receive a rate that is less than the rate it received for the 63 rate year ending June 30, 1992, or six per cent more than the rate it 64 received for the rate year ending June 30, 1992. For the fiscal year 65 ending June 30, 1994, no facility shall receive a rate that is less than the 66 rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1993, or six per cent 67 more than the rate it received for the rate year ending June 30, 1993. 68 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, no facility shall receive a rate 69 that is more than five per cent less than the rate it received for the rate 70 year ending June 30, 1994, or six per cent more than the rate it received 71 for the rate year ending June 30, 1994. For the fiscal years ending June 72 30, 1996, and June 30, 1997, no facility shall receive a rate that is more 73 than three per cent more than the rate it received for the prior rate 74 year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, a facility shall receive a 75 rate increase that is not more than two per cent more than the rate that 76 the facility received in the prior year. For the fiscal year ending June 77 30, 1999, a facility shall receive a rate increase that is not more than 78 three per cent more than the rate that the facility received in the prior 79 year and that is not less than one per cent more than the rate that the 80 facility received in the prior year, exclusive of rate increases associated 81 with a wage, benefit and staffing enhancement rate adjustment added for the period from April 1, 1999, to June 30, 1999, inclusive. For the 82 83 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, each facility, except a facility with an 84 interim rate or replaced interim rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 85 1999, and a facility having a certificate of need or other agreement 86 specifying rate adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, 87 shall receive a rate increase equal to one per cent applied to the rate the

facility received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, exclusive of 88 89 the facility's wage, benefit and staffing enhancement rate adjustment. 90 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, no facility with an interim rate, replaced interim rate or scheduled rate adjustment specified in a 91 92 certificate of need or other agreement for the fiscal year ending June 93 30, 2000, shall receive a rate increase that is more than one per cent 94 more than the rate the facility received in the fiscal year ending June 95 30, 1999. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, each facility, except a 96 facility with an interim rate or replaced interim rate for the fiscal year 97 ending June 30, 2000, and a facility having a certificate of need or other 98 agreement specifying rate adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 99 30, 2001, shall receive a rate increase equal to two per cent applied to 100 the rate the facility received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, 101 subject to verification of wage enhancement adjustments pursuant to 102 subdivision (15) of this subsection. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 103 2001, no facility with an interim rate, replaced interim rate or 104 scheduled rate adjustment specified in a certificate of need or other 105 agreement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, shall receive a rate 106 increase that is more than two per cent more than the rate the facility 107 received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000. For the fiscal year 108 ending June 30, 2002, each facility shall receive a rate that is two and 109 one-half per cent more than the rate the facility received in the prior 110 fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each facility shall 111 receive a rate that is two per cent more than the rate the facility 112 received in the prior fiscal year, except that such increase shall be 113 effective January 1, 2003, and such facility rate in effect for the fiscal 114 year ending June 30, 2002, shall be paid for services provided until 115 December 31, 2002, except any facility that would have been issued a 116 lower rate effective July 1, 2002, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 117 2002, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall 118 be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2002, and have such rate 119 increased two per cent effective June 1, 2003. For the fiscal year ending 120 June 30, 2004, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2003, shall 121 remain in effect, except any facility that would have been issued a 122 lower rate effective July 1, 2003, than for the fiscal year ending June 30,

123 2003, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall 124 be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2003. For the fiscal year 125 ending June 30, 2005, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2004, 126 shall remain in effect until December 31, 2004, except any facility that 127 would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2004, than for the 128 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, due to interim rate status or 129 agreement with the department shall be issued such lower rate 130 effective July 1, 2004. Effective January 1, 2005, each facility shall 131 receive a rate that is one per cent greater than the rate in effect 132 December 31, 2004. Effective upon receipt of all the necessary federal 133 approvals to secure federal financial participation matching funds 134 associated with the rate increase provided in this subdivision, but in 135 no event earlier than July 1, 2005, and provided the user fee imposed 136 under section 17b-320 is required to be collected, for the fiscal year 137 ending June 30, 2006, the department shall compute the rate for each 138 facility based upon its 2003 cost report filing or a subsequent cost year 139 filing for facilities having an interim rate for the period ending June 30, 140 2005, as provided under section 17-311-55 of the regulations of 141 Connecticut state agencies. For each facility not having an interim rate 142 for the period ending June 30, 2005, the rate for the period ending June 143 30, 2006, shall be determined beginning with the higher of the 144 computed rate based upon its 2003 cost report filing or the rate in 145 effect for the period ending June 30, 2005. Such rate shall then be 146 increased by eleven dollars and eighty cents per day except that in no 147 event shall the rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, be thirty-two 148 dollars more than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005, 149 and for any facility with a rate below one hundred ninety-five dollars 150 per day for the period ending June 30, 2005, such rate for the period 151 ending June 30, 2006, shall not be greater than two hundred seventeen 152 dollars and forty-three cents per day and for any facility with a rate 153 equal to or greater than one hundred ninety-five dollars per day for 154 the period ending June 30, 2005, such rate for the period ending June 155 30, 2006, shall not exceed the rate in effect for the period ending June 156 30, 2005, increased by eleven and one-half per cent. For each facility 157 with an interim rate for the period ending June 30, 2005, the interim replacement rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall not exceed the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005, increased by eleven dollars and eighty cents per day plus the per day cost of the user fee payments made pursuant to section 17b-320 divided by annual resident service days, except for any facility with an interim rate below one hundred ninety-five dollars per day for the period ending June 30, 2005, the interim replacement rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall not be greater than two hundred seventeen dollars and forty-three cents per day and for any facility with an interim rate equal to or greater than one hundred ninety-five dollars per day for the period ending June 30, 2005, the interim replacement rate for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall not exceed the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2005, increased by eleven and onehalf per cent. Such July 1, 2005, rate adjustments shall remain in effect unless (i) the federal financial participation matching funds associated with the rate increase are no longer available; or (ii) the user fee created pursuant to section 17b-320 is not in effect. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, each facility shall receive a rate that is three per cent greater than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2006, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2006, than for the rate period ending June 30, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2006. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, each facility shall receive a rate that is two and nine-tenths per cent greater than the rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2007, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2007, than for the rate period ending June 30, 2007, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2007. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2008, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2009, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall remain in

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193 effect until June 30, 2011, except any facility that would have been 194 issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or the fiscal 195 year ending June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate. The Commissioner of 196 197 Social Services shall add fair rent increases to any other rate increases 198 established pursuant to this subdivision for a facility which has 199 undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent, 200 except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and the fiscal year 201 ending June 30, 2011. Interim rates may take into account reasonable 202 costs incurred by a facility, including wages and benefits.

- Sec. 3. Section 19a-507 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
- 205 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 368z, New Horizons, 206 Inc., a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization, or a subsidiary 207 organization controlled by New Horizons, Inc., is authorized to 208 construct and operate an independent living facility for severely 209 physically disabled adults, in the town of Farmington, provided such 210 facility shall be constructed in accordance with applicable building codes. The Farmington Housing Authority, or any issuer acting on 212 behalf of said authority, subject to the provisions of this section, may 213 issue tax-exempt revenue bonds on a competitive or negotiated basis 214 for the purpose of providing construction and permanent mortgage 215 financing for the facility in accordance with Section 103 of the Internal 216 Revenue Code. Prior to the issuance of such bonds, plans for the 217 construction of the facility shall be submitted to and approved by the 218 Office of Health Care Access. The office shall approve or disapprove 219 such plans within thirty days of receipt thereof. If the plans are 220 disapproved they may be resubmitted. Failure of the office to act on the plans within such thirty-day period shall be deemed approval 222 thereof. The payments to residents of the facility who are eligible for 223 assistance under the state supplement program for room and board 224 and necessary services, shall be determined annually to be effective 225 July first of each year. Such payments shall be determined on a basis of a reasonable payment for necessary services, which basis shall take

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into account as a factor the costs of providing those services and such other factors as the commissioner deems reasonable, including anticipated fluctuations in the cost of providing services. Such payments shall be calculated in accordance with the manner in which rates are calculated pursuant to subsection (h) of section 17b-340, as amended by this act, and the cost related reimbursement system pursuant to said section except that efficiency incentives shall not be granted. The commissioner may adjust such rates to account for the availability of personal care services for residents under the Medicaid program. The commissioner shall, upon submission of a request, allow actual debt service, comprised of principal and interest, in excess of property costs allowed pursuant to section 17-313b-5 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, provided such debt service terms and amounts are reasonable in relation to the useful life and the base value of the property. The cost basis for such payment shall be subject to audit, and a recomputation of the rate shall be made based upon such audit. [The rate in effect June 30, 1991, shall remain in effect through June 30, 1992, except that if the rate would have been decreased effective July 1, 1991, it shall be decreased.] The facility shall report on a fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of September on forms provided by the commissioner. The required report shall be received by the commissioner no later than December thirty-first of each year. The Department of Social Services may use its existing utilization review procedures to monitor utilization of the facility. If the facility is aggrieved by any decision of the commissioner, the facility may, within ten days, after written notice thereof from the commissioner, obtain by written request to the commissioner, a hearing on all items of aggrievement. If the facility is aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner after such hearing, the facility may appeal to the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

- (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may provide for work incentive programs for residents of the facility.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 17b-104 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

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- (b) On July 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase the payment standards over those of the previous fiscal year under the temporary family assistance program and the state-administered general assistance program by the percentage increase, if any, in the most recent calendar year average in the consumer price index for urban consumers over the average for the previous calendar year, provided the annual increase, if any, shall not exceed five per cent, except that the payment standards for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, shall not be increased.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 17b-112 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):
  - (d) Under said program (1) no family shall be eligible that has total gross earnings exceeding the federal poverty level, however, in the calculation of the benefit amount for eligible families and previously eligible families that become ineligible temporarily because of receipt of workers' compensation benefits by a family member who subsequently returns to work immediately after the period of receipt of such benefits, earned income shall be disregarded up to the federal poverty level; (2) the increase in benefits to a family in which an infant is born after the initial ten months of participation in the program shall be limited to an amount equal to fifty per cent of the average incremental difference between the amounts paid per each family size; and (3) a disqualification penalty shall be established for failure to cooperate with the biometric identifier system. Except when determining eligibility for a six-month extension of benefits pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall disregard the first [fifty] one hundred dollars per month of income attributable to current child support that a family receives in determining eligibility and benefit levels for temporary family assistance. Any current child support in excess of [fifty] one hundred dollars per month collected by the department on behalf of an eligible child shall be considered in

determining eligibility but shall not be considered when calculating benefits and shall be taken as reimbursement for assistance paid under this section, except that when the current child support collected exceeds the family's monthly award of temporary family assistance benefits plus [fifty] one hundred dollars, the current child support shall be paid to the family and shall be considered when calculating benefits.

Sec. 6. Subsection (g) of section 17b-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):

(g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded with an operating cost component of its rate in excess of one hundred forty per cent of the median of operating cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall not receive an operating cost component increase. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded with an operating cost component of its rate that is less than one hundred forty per cent of the median of operating cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall have an allowance for real wage growth equal to thirty per cent of the increase determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, provided such operating cost component shall not exceed one hundred forty per cent of the median of operating cost components in effect January 1, 1992. Any facility with real property other than land placed in service prior to October 1, 1991, shall, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, receive a rate of return on real property equal to the average of the rates of return applied to real property other than land placed in service for the five years preceding October 1, 1993. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, the rate of return on real property for property items shall be revised every five years. The commissioner shall, upon submission of a request, allow actual debt service, comprised of principal and interest, in excess of property costs allowed pursuant to section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state

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agencies, provided such debt service terms and amounts are reasonable in relation to the useful life and the base value of the property. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, and any succeeding fiscal year, the inflation adjustment made in accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall not be applied to real property costs. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, the allowance for real wage growth, as determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, shall not be applied. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, no rate shall exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars per day unless the commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Developmental Services, determines after a review of program and management costs, that a rate in excess of this amount is necessary for care and treatment of facility residents. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, rate period, the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the inflation adjustment for rates made in accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies to update allowable fiscal year 2000 costs to include a three and one-half per cent inflation factor. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, rate period, the commissioner shall increase the inflation adjustment for rates made in accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies to update allowable fiscal year 2001 costs to include a one and one-half per cent inflation factor, except that such increase shall be effective November 1, 2002, and such facility rate in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, shall be paid for services provided until October 31, 2002, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2002, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2002, and have such rate updated effective November 1, 2002, in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2003, shall remain in effect, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate

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- Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 17b-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
  - (h) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any residential care home with an operating cost component of its rate in excess of one hundred thirty per cent of the median of operating cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall not receive an operating cost component increase. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any residential care home with an operating cost component of its rate that is less than one hundred thirty per cent of the median of operating cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall have an allowance for real wage growth equal to sixty-five per cent of the increase determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, provided such operating cost component shall not exceed one hundred thirty per cent of the median of operating cost components in effect January 1, 1992. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, for the purpose of determining allowable fair rent, a residential care home with allowable fair rent less than the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent shall be reimbursed as having allowable fair rent equal to the twenty-fifth percentile of the state-wide allowable fair rent. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, a residential

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467 allowable salary of a related party, the department shall revise the 468 maximum salary to twenty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty-six 469 dollars to be annually inflated thereafter in accordance with section 470 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies and 471 beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, such allowable 472 salary shall be computed on an hourly basis and the maximum 473 number of hours allowed for a related party other than the proprietor 474 shall be increased from forty hours to forty-eight hours per work week. 475 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, each facility shall receive a rate 476 that is two and one-quarter per cent more than the rate the facility 477 received in the prior fiscal year, except any facility that would have 478 been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2004, than for the fiscal year 479 ending June 30, 2004, due to interim rate status or agreement with the 480 department shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2004. 481 Effective upon receipt of all the necessary federal approvals to secure 482 federal financial participation matching funds associated with the rate 483 increase provided in subdivision (4) of subsection (f) of this section, 484 but in no event earlier than October 1, 2005, and provided the user fee 485 imposed under section 17b-320 is required to be collected, each facility 486 shall receive a rate that is determined in accordance with applicable 487 law and subject to appropriations, except any facility that would have 488 been issued a lower rate effective October 1, 2005, than for the fiscal 489 year ending June 30, 2005, due to interim rate status or agreement with 490 the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective October 1, 491 2005. Such rate increase shall remain in effect unless: (A) The federal 492 financial participation matching funds associated with the rate increase 493 are no longer available; or (B) the user fee created pursuant to section 494 17b-320 is not in effect. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, rates in 495 effect for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall remain in effect until 496 September 30, 2006, except any facility that would have been issued a 497 lower rate effective July 1, 2006, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 498 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, 499 shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2006. Effective October 500 1, 2006, no facility shall receive a rate that is more than four per cent 501 greater than the rate in effect for the facility on September 30, 2006,

502 except for any facility that would have been issued a lower rate 503 effective October 1, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with 504 the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective October 1, 505 2006. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, rates 506 in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall remain in effect until 507 June 30, 2011, except any facility that would have been issued a lower 508 rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or the fiscal year ending 509 June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status or agreement with the 510 department, shall be issued such lower rate.

- Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 17b-244 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 513 1, 2009):
  - (a) The room and board component of the rates to be paid by the state to private facilities and facilities operated by regional education service centers which are licensed to provide residential care pursuant to section 17a-227, but not certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid program as intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation, shall be determined annually by the Commissioner of Social Services, except that rates effective April 30, 1989, shall remain in effect through October 31, 1989. Any facility with real property other than land placed in service prior to July 1, 1991, shall, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, receive a rate of return on real property equal to the average of the rates of return applied to real property other than land placed in service for the five years preceding July 1, 1993. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, the rate of return on real property for property items shall be revised every five years. The commissioner shall, upon submission of a request by such facility, allow actual debt service, comprised of principal and interest, on the loan or loans in lieu of property costs allowed pursuant to section 17-313b-5 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, whether actual debt service is higher or lower than such allowed property costs, provided such debt service terms and amounts are reasonable in relation to the useful life and the base value of the property. In the case of facilities financed through the

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Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, the commissioner shall allow actual debt service, comprised of principal, interest and a reasonable repair and replacement reserve on the loan or loans in lieu of property costs allowed pursuant to section 17-313b-5 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, whether actual debt service is higher or lower than such allowed property costs, provided such debt service terms and amounts are determined by the commissioner at the time the loan is entered into to be reasonable in relation to the useful life and base value of the property. The commissioner may allow fees associated with mortgage refinancing provided such refinancing will result in state reimbursement savings, after comparing costs over the terms of the existing proposed loans. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, the inflation factor used to determine rates shall be one-half of the gross national product percentage increase for the period between the midpoint of the cost year through the midpoint of the rate year. For fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, the inflation factor used to determine rates shall be two-thirds of the gross national product percentage increase from the midpoint of the cost year to the midpoint of the rate year. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30, 1997, no inflation factor shall be applied in determining rates. The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe uniform forms on which such facilities shall report their costs. Such rates shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable payment for necessary services. Any increase in grants, gifts, fund-raising or endowment income used for the payment of operating costs by a private facility in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, shall be excluded by the commissioner from the income of the facility in determining the rates to be paid to the facility for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, provided any operating costs funded by such increase shall not obligate the state to increase expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. Nothing contained in this section shall authorize a payment by the state to any such facility in excess of the charges made by the facility for comparable services to the general public. The service component of the rates to be paid by the state to private facilities and facilities operated by regional education service centers which are licensed to

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571 provide residential care pursuant to section 17a-227, but not certified 572 to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid programs as intermediate care 573 facilities for persons with mental retardation, shall be determined 574 annually by the Commissioner of Developmental Services in 575 accordance with section 17b-244a. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 576 2008, no facility shall receive a rate that is more than two per cent 577 greater than the rate in effect for the facility on June 30, 2007, except 578 any facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 579 2007, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, 580 shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2007. For the fiscal year 581 ending June 30, 2009, no facility shall receive a rate that is more than 582 two per cent greater than the rate in effect for the facility on June 30, 583 2008, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate 584 effective July 1, 2008, due to interim rate status or agreement with the 585 department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2008. For 586 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, rates in effect 587 for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall remain in effect until June 30, 588 2011, except that any facility that would have been issued a lower rate 589 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, or June 30, 2011, due to 590 interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be issued 591 such lower rate.

- Sec. 9. Subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
- (i) (1) On and after July 1, 1992, the Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available appropriations, administer a state-funded portion of the program for persons (A) who are sixty-five years of age and older; (B) who are inappropriately institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate institutionalization; (C) whose income is less than or equal to the amount allowed under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section; and (D) whose assets, if single, do not exceed the minimum community spouse protected amount pursuant to Section 4022.05 of the department's uniform policy manual or, if married, the couple's assets do not exceed one hundred fifty per cent of said

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- 605 community spouse protected amount and on and after April 1, 2007, 606 whose assets, if single, do not exceed one hundred fifty per cent of the 607 minimum community spouse protected amount pursuant to Section 608 4022.05 of the department's uniform policy manual or, if married, the 609 couple's assets do not exceed two hundred per cent of said community spouse protected amount. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, 610 611 and June 30, 2011, the caseload for the state-funded portion of the 612 program shall not exceed the caseload level on June 30, 2009.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 17b-371 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 09-1, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
- 616 (a) On July 1, [2009] 2011, to the extent permitted by federal law, 617 there shall be established within the General Fund, a separate, 618 nonlapsing account which shall be known as the "Long-Term Care 619 Reinvestment account". The account shall contain any moneys 620 required by law and this section to be deposited in the account. Any 621 funds resulting from the enhanced federal medical assistance 622 percentage received by the state under the Money Follows the Person 623 demonstration project pursuant to Section 6071 of the Deficit 624 Reduction Act of 2005 shall be deposited in the account.
  - Sec. 11. Subsection (d) of section 17b-371 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 09-1, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2009):
  - (d) On or before January 1, [2010] 2012, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the Governor and to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning the long-term care reinvestment account established under this section. The report shall include financial information concerning the money in the account, including, but not limited to, information on the number, amount and type of

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- expenditures from the fund during the prior calendar year and estimates of the impact of the fund on present and future Medicaid expenditures.
- Sec. 12. Section 17b-372 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
  - (a) As used in this section, "small house nursing home" means an alternative nursing home facility that (1) consists of one or more units that are designed and modeled as a private home, (2) houses no more than ten individuals in each unit, (3) includes private rooms and bathrooms, (4) provides for an increased role for support staff in the care of residents, (5) incorporates a philosophy of individualized care, and (6) is licensed as a nursing home under chapter 368v.
  - (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish, within available appropriations, a pilot program to support the development of up to ten small house nursing homes in the state in order to improve the quality of life for nursing home residents and to support a goal of providing nursing home care in a more home-like and less institution-like setting.
  - (c) Any existing chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision may apply to the commissioner for approval of a proposal to develop a small house nursing home and to relocate Medicaid certified beds from its facility to such small house nursing home. The commissioner shall require each small house nursing home under the pilot program to seek certification to participate in the Title XVIII and Title XIX programs and may establish additional requirements for such small house nursing homes. Not later than October 1, 2008, the commissioner shall develop guidelines relating to the design specifications and requirements for small house nursing homes for purposes of the pilot program, and shall submit a copy of the guidelines to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services. Not later than thirty days after receipt of such guidelines, said joint

standing committee may advise the commissioner of its approval, denial or modifications, if any, of such guidelines. If said joint standing committee does not act during such thirty-day period, such guidelines shall be deemed approved. If approved, the commissioner shall make such guidelines available to applicants. Each chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision submitting a proposal shall provide: (1) A description of the proposed project; (2) information concerning the financial and technical capacity of the applicant to undertake the proposed project; (3) a project budget; (4) information that the relocation of beds shall result in a reduction in the number of nursing facility beds in the state; and (5) any additional information the commissioner deems necessary.

- (d) The commissioner, in consultation with the Long-Term Care Planning Committee, established pursuant to section 17b-337, shall evaluate proposals received pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and may approve, after consultation with and approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, up to ten proposals. The commissioner shall give preference to proposals that include the use of fuel cells or other energy technologies that promote energy efficiency in such small house nursing home. The commissioner [shall reserve two out of the ten approvals for] may give preference to proposals to develop a small house nursing home in a distressed municipality, as defined in section 32-9p, with a population greater than one hundred thousand persons.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,
  the commissioner shall approve no more than one project through June
  30, 2011. The total number of beds under such project shall not exceed
  two hundred eighty beds.
- [(e)] (f) A small house nursing home developed under this section shall comply with the provisions of sections 17b-352 to 17b-354, inclusive.
- Sec. 13. Section 17b-600 of the general statutes is repealed and the

following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer a program of optional state supplementation as provided for by Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended, and shall administer the program in accordance with the requirements provided therein. In accordance with the requirements of Title XVI of said Social Security Act, optional state supplementation may be provided to aged, blind and disabled individuals who receive supplemental security income benefits or who would be eligible to receive such benefits except for income, provided that any applicant or recipient of optional state supplementation shall be ineligible for such supplementary assistance if such person has made, within twenty-four months prior to the date of application for such aid, an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value, for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance under this section, provided ineligibility because of such disposition shall continue only for either (1) twentyfour months after the date of disposition or (2) that period of time from date of disposition over which the fair market value of such property, less any consideration received in exchange for its disposition, together with all other income and resources, would furnish support on a reasonable standard of health and decency, whichever period is shorter, except that in any case where the uncompensated value of disposed of resources exceeds twelve thousand dollars, the Commissioner of Social Services shall provide for a period of ineligibility based on the uncompensated value which exceeds twentyfour months. Any disposition shall be presumed to have been made for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance unless the individual furnishes convincing evidence to establish that the transaction was exclusively for some other purpose or the disposition was made to a trust that complies with Section 1917(d)(4) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(d)(4), as amended from time to time, and (A) the individual resides in a residential care home, as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection (a) of section 19-13-D6 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies or resides in the facility

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735 established by New Horizons, Inc. pursuant to section 19a-507, as 736 amended by this act; (B) the individual's available income, as defined 737 in section 5000.01 of the department's uniform policy manual (i) exceeds three hundred per cent of the maximum Supplemental 738 739 Security Income program benefit for an individual, and (ii) is below 740 the private rate for the residential care home in which the individual 741 resides or for the facility established by New Horizons, Inc., as 742 applicable; (C) the trust is funded solely with the excess income 743 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision; and (D) the trust 744 provides that the state will receive, after repayment of Medicaid 745 assistance paid to or on behalf of the individual as set forth in Section 746 1917(d)(4) of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time, all 747 amounts remaining in the trust upon the death of such individual up 748 to an amount equal to the total state supplemental assistance paid on 749 behalf of the individual under this section. Property which is exempted 750 from consideration in determining the financial eligibility of an 751 individual for benefits or assistance, such as a house in which the 752 individual resides, shall not be subject to the provisions of this section 753 regarding transfers of property if such property is disposed of while an 754 individual is receiving benefits or assistance under this section. The 755 program of optional state supplementation shall be administered in 756 accordance with regulations to be adopted by the Department of Social 757 Services, which regulations shall be consistent with the requirements 758 of Title XVI of the Social Security Act pertaining to programs of 759 optional state supplementation. Until such time as regulations are 760 adopted by the department governing the program of optional state 761 supplementation, the department is authorized to administer said 762 program in accordance with the regulations and departmental policy 763 manual provisions applicable to the aid to the elderly, aid to the blind 764 and aid to the disabled programs, which regulations and policy 765 manual provisions shall be fully applicable to the program of optional 766 state supplementation, except that in no event shall optional state 767 supplementation be given to persons who either are not recipients of 768 federal supplemental security income benefits or are not persons who, 769 except for income, would be eligible for supplemental security income 770 benefits.

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- 771 Sec. 14. Section 17b-265e of the general statutes is repealed and the 772 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
  - (a) There is established a fund to be known as the "Medicare Part D Supplemental Needs Fund" which shall be an account within the General Fund under the Department of Social Services. Moneys available in said fund shall be utilized by the Department of Social Services to provide assistance to Medicare Part D beneficiaries who are enrolled in the ConnPACE program or who are full benefit dually eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries, as defined in section 17b-265d, and whose medical needs require that they obtain nonformulary prescription drugs. A beneficiary requesting such assistance from the department shall be required to make a satisfactory showing of the medical necessity of obtaining such nonformulary prescription drug to the department. If the department, in consultation with the prescribing physician, determines that the prescription is medically necessary, the department shall cover the cost of the original prescription and any prescribed refills of the original prescription, less any applicable copayments. The department shall require as a condition of receiving such assistance that a beneficiary establish, to the satisfaction of the department, that the beneficiary has made good faith efforts to: (1) Enroll in a Medicare Part D plan recommended by the commissioner or the commissioner's agent; and (2) utilize the exception process established by the prescription drug plan in which the beneficiary is enrolled. The commissioner shall implement policies and procedures to administer the provisions of this section and to ensure that all requests for, and determinations made concerning assistance available pursuant to this section are expeditiously processed. The fund established pursuant to this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2009.
  - [(b) Assistance provided in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to available funds. All expenditures for prescription drugs under subsection (a) of this section shall be charged to the Medicare Part D Supplemental Needs Fund.

- (c) The Department of Social Services shall, in accordance with the provisions of this section, pay claims for prescription drugs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who are also either Medicaid or ConnPACE recipients and who are denied coverage by the Medicare Part D plan in which such beneficiary is enrolled because a prescribed drug is not on the formulary utilized by such Medicare Part D plan. Payment shall initially be made by the department for a thirty-day supply, subject to any applicable copayment.]
  - (b) Pharmaceutical manufacturers shall pay rebate amounts established pursuant to section 17b-491 to the department for prescriptions paid by the department pursuant to this section on or after January 1, 2007. The beneficiary shall appoint the commissioner as such beneficiary's representative for the purpose of appealing any denial of Medicare Part D benefits and for any other purpose allowed under [said act] <u>federal law</u> and deemed necessary by the commissioner.
  - [(d)] (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [not later than July 1, 2006,] the Commissioner of Social Services [shall implement a plan for pursuing] may pursue payment under Medicare Part D by Part D plans for prescriptions denied as nonformulary drugs, including remedies available through reconsideration by an independent review entity, review by an administrative law judge, the Medicare Appeals Council or Federal District Court. Reimbursement secured from the Medicare Part D plan shall be returned to the Department of Social Services.
  - [(e)] (d) The Department of Social Services, pursuant to subsection [(d)] (c) of this section, may authorize appeals beyond the independent review entity. [Upon determination by the department that it is not cost-effective to pursue further appeals, the department shall pay for the denied nonformulary drug for the remainder of the calendar year, provided the beneficiary remains enrolled in the Part D plan that denied coverage. Pending the outcome of the appeals process, the department shall continue to pay claims for the nonformulary drug

- denied by the Part D plan until the earlier of approval of such drug by the Part D plan or for the remainder of the calendar year.]
- Sec. 15. Subsection (e) of section 17b-491 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):
  - (e) The commissioner shall establish an application form whereby a pharmaceutical manufacturer may apply to participate in the program. Upon receipt of a completed application, the department shall issue a certificate of participation to the manufacturer. Participation by a pharmaceutical manufacturer shall require that the department shall receive a rebate from the pharmaceutical manufacturer for prescriptions covered under the program. [and for prescriptions covered by the department pursuant to subsection (c) of section 17b-265e.] Rebate amounts for brand name prescription drugs shall be equal to those under the Medicaid program. Rebate amounts for generic prescription drugs shall be established by the commissioner, provided such amounts may not be less than those under the Medicaid program. A participating pharmaceutical manufacturer shall make quarterly rebate payments to the department for the total number of dosage units of each form and strength of a prescription drug which the department reports as reimbursed to providers of prescription drugs, provided such payments shall not be due until thirty days following the manufacturer's receipt of utilization data from the department including the number of dosage units reimbursed to providers of prescription drugs during the quarter for which payment is due.
- Sec. 16. Section 17b-491c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
  - [Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 17b-265e, any] <u>Any</u> pharmaceutical manufacturer of a prescription drug covered by the Department of Social Services under any of the state medical assistance programs administered by the department shall provide rebates to the

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department for prescription drugs paid for by the department on or after February 1, 2008. The amount of rebates and the administration of the program shall be in accordance with subsections (e) and (f) of section 17b-491, as amended by this act.

Sec. 17. Section 17b-492d of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2009*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	17a-485e
Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	17b-340(f)(4)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2009	19a-507
Sec. 4	July 1, 2009	17b-104(b)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2009	17b-112(d)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2009	17b-340(g)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2009	17b-340(h)(1)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2009	17b-244(a)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2009	17b-342(i)(1)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2009	17b-371(a)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2009	17b-371(d)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2009	17b-372
Sec. 13	July 1, 2009	17b-600
Sec. 14	July 1, 2009	17b-265e
Sec. 15	July 1, 2009	17b-491(e)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2009	17b-491c
Sec. 17	July 1, 2009	Repealer section

## Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 3 was removed because it is identical to section 8 of Public Act 09-2, An Act Concerning Deficit Mitigation Measures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009. Sections 15 and 16 were added to make technical changes required by the bracketing of the existing subsection (c) of section 14 for accuracy.

## **HS** Joint Favorable Subst.